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General Comment

The "Preventive Service Mandate" will force Catholic institutions to subsidize through their health care plans contraception and sterilization procedures.

This is a direct threat to the religious liberty of Catholics, freedom of conscience and the social service ministry of the Catholic Church. The so-called "religious exemption" in the mandate is no exemption at all, as it would require any Catholic institution that serves non-Catholics or employs non-Catholics to violate Catholic belief or close its doors.

The "Preventive Service Mandate" must be rescinded as an unprecedented federal interference in the right of Catholics to serve their community without violating their fundamental moral beliefs.